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SUBJECT : SENEGALESE PRESIDENT VISITS UAE

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1. SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR WITH ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS INCLUDING HIS FONMIN VISITED UAE NOV 7-9 AS PART OF TOUR OF ARAB CAPITALS. SENGHOR RECEIVED AND FETED WITH USUAL CEREMONY AND PROTOCOL TO WHICH UAEG GETTING QUITE ACCOMPLISHED, INCLUDING STATE DINNER, PARTICIPATION WITH UAE PRESIDENT ZAYID IN OPENING LOCAL OFFICE OF ARAB BANK FOR INVESTMENT, ETC. WHILE PRESIDENT BEING GIVEN RED CARPET TREATMENT, RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS HEADED BY TWO FONMINS REPORTEDLY HELD SUBSTANTPPE TALKS.

2. BOTH FINAL COMMUNIQUE AND SENGHOR IN PRESS CONFERENCE REFERRED IN PARTICULAR TO DESIRABILITY FOR ARAB-AFRICAN SUMMIT

MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE AND FOR GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO GROUPS. NEEDING COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND GRANTING

TO PALESTINIANS OF "INALIENABLE RIGHTS" CITED AS ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE. COMMUNIQUE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT AGREEMENTS SIGNED COVERING SCIENTIFIC,
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CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS BUT WITHOUT ANY INDICATION

AS TO SPECIFIC PROGRATA.

3. COMMENT: MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOLD AMBASSADOR
SUBSEQUENTLY THAT UAE HAD AGREED TO FINANCE BUILDING
OF TWO DAMS IN ARID NORTHERN REGION OF SENEGAL AT COST OF
APPROXIMANTY DOLLARS TEN MILLION. IN ACHIEVING THIS
SPECIFIC PROMISE OF ASSISTANCE, SENGHOR DID BETTER THAN
NUMBER OF RECENT VISITORS WHO HAVE FOUND UAE PURSE STRINGS

SOMEWHAT HARDER TO LOOSEN THAN WAS CASE YEAR AGO.
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